



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : 4/24/2019 Start Time: (Commence):

Location: Miller Center Finish Time: (Adjourn):

Note taker: Hannah Carpino

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Alex Farrell, Eric Corbman, Chris Trombly, Linda Deliduka

Discussion Topics

- DPW Updates
- Mayoral update
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Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Three new members added to Ward 4 Steering Committee
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Agenda Items and Actions

Announcements:

- Sections of bike path have been flooded
- Parks and Recreation will announce Clean-Up days, season starts May 4th. Volunteers will get a free parks pass for the summer season. Check Front Porch Forum for posts with more information throughout the week
- Ohavi Zedek Syngagoue (on N. Prospect Ave) is having an event May 5th, 2 PM- 5 PM. Klezmer music, food, refreshments, Friends of Mural presentation, presentation from Holocaust survivor.
- Positive Change Initiative: COTS will be collecting funds to support its services at event on Church St

Steering Committee Nominations

Current members:

- Ward 4: Jim Holway, Jeff Clark, Alex Farrell, Eric Corbman, David Driscoll
- Ward 7: Linda Deliduka, Chris Trombly, James Loop, Matt Hurlburt, Jeff Comstock, Ryon Frink

Nominated: Jenna O'Donnell, Ward 4

Nominated: Ericka Bundy-Redic, Ward 4

Nominated: Eric Swanson, Ward 4

DPW: Construction Season Update

- Online construction portal through DPW is constantly updated with maps, progress checks, etc
- Doubling the annual average of paving
- Triple the amount of sidewalk reconstruction
- 2,500 SeeClickFix requests per year
- Freeze-thaw cycle increases have made road maintenance difficult
- Relining and replacing water mains across city, beginning in mid-May and will last several weeks
- Sidewalk segment repairs and spot repairs beginning through New North End
 - Rivermount Terrace, Sunset Drive, Lakewood Parkway, southern North Ave, Institute Road, Oakcrest Drive, Pleasant Ave

- Operation Clean Sweep: street sweeping begins tonight
- Running wastewater plant tours on the 3rd Thursday of every month

DPW: Transportation Update

- Looking at replacing bikes in regional bike share program with electric assist bikes (e-bikes)
- Will help people of different abilities rely less on cars and access existing bike share network
- Taking suggestions for new locations for e-bike hubs
- E-scooters will have maximum speed limit of 15 MPH, bikes will have a maximum speed limit of 20 MPH
- There will be certain restrictions on where e-bikes and scooters can be taken in the city
- Health Department has determined a health impact assessment was not necessary
- Scooters will be a two-wheel stand-up with speed restrictions.
- Scooters will be a pilot program
- “First mile/last mile”- using bikes as a way to get to bus stops, get home from work, etc. Trying to coordinate with bike rental providers around city, who tend to rent bikes for longer range trips

Mayor Miro Weinberger

- Municipal property tax increase was voted on in March and passed for FY2020
- After Election Day, city was able to complete Burlington Telecom sale and transaction, resulting in \$7 million cash flow
- Starting conversation over next year about what to do with money
- Will likely propose in budget to City Council will NOT have tax increase, even though it was approved by voters
 - Proposing instead that the city use \$600,000 of \$7 million so that a tax increase is not needed
 - Also proposing that \$1.2 million go towards upgrading the fleet of sidewalk plows. The city has 11 plows, most are over a decade old and needed repairs all winter
- There was a Town Hall a few weeks ago about the future of the Leddy Park area
 - Replacement of maintenance shed with better facility, fuel storage
- Negotiated new contracts with firefighters, other public employees. Came to agreements without arbitration with all four contracts
- City is trying to decide if it needs a third ambulance, which would be added to New North End station
- Tree planting initiative- projecting 350 new trees planted in coming year. Using volunteer labor and focusing tree planting efforts in contiguous areas
- City is considering more frequent street sweeps, which will help prevent runoff into Lake Champlain
- Creation of a “roadmap document” to outline how Burlington will reach net-zero by 2030
- 4/29 City Council will feature updates from CityPlace developers

North Avenue Co-Op & Farmer’s Market

- Working on affordable housing, 3 new lots
- The community garden is used by residents, but there is talk about making plots available for general public
- Trying to attract vendors to create weekly farmers market, but so far there is not enough interest
- Good Food Truck comes to the Co-op every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 5:15-6:15
- June 1st: community clean-up for the co-op.

Elected Officials Update

Ali Dieng:

- Committee assignments have taken place! Still part of Parks, Arts, and Culture. Still part of CDNR committee (Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization) New to HR and Institutions Committee
- Patience is needed for St. Paul St/Maple St construction and road closures. The building will help with the housing shortage, and weather during this construction season has been bad
- The New North End needs its own ambulance- there are over 8,000 homes, and a number of schools

Franklin Paulino:

- Assigned to Transportation Committee, will deal with bike and scooter issues
- Getting to know citizens, wants to hear about important issues
- Councilor Wright is not feeling well and apologizes for not coming
- Voted to move forward on water rate increase (\$1.70/month), along with Councilor Dieng. Ultimately, Council decided to delay it

Kendra Sowers:

- New school commissioner
- Hiring many new principals (Champlain School, IAA, Flynn, and Sustainability Academy)
- Approved para-educators contract
- Prequalified a few different construction companies to campaign for BHS re-envisioning project